

**SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
PIKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
September 3, 2008  
5:30 pm (scheduled time)  
6:49 pm (actual start time)**

The Pike County Board of Commissioners held a Special Called Meeting on Wednesday, September 3, 2008 at 5:30 pm in the Pike County Commissioners Meeting Room, Zebulon, Georgia. Members present were presiding Chairman Steve Fry, Commissioner Jake Garner, Commissioner Tommy Powers, Commissioner Roosevelt Willis and Commissioner Parrish Swift. Also present were County Attorney Rob Morton and County Manager Steve Marro.

**CHAIRMAN FRY CALLED THE PIKE COUNTY SPECIAL CALLED MEETING TO ORDER.**

**CHAIRMAN FRY ASKED EVERYONE TO STAND FOR THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG.**

**CHAIRMAN FRY CALLED FOR APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA  
MOTION**

Commissioner Swift made the motion to approve the agenda as written. Commissioner Willis seconded the motion. 5-0 vote.

**CHAIRMAN FRY CALLED FOR PUBLIC HEARING-FY 2009 BUDGET PURSUANT TO  
O.C.G.A. § 36-81-5(f)**

Chairman Fry said that the final budget amount is \$9,165,789.00 and that this amount is a \$1,400,000.00 decrease from last year's budget. This figure is also less than the requested budget and less than the \$9,425,000.00 recommended budget.

At this time, Commissioner Garner stated that according to O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1, the Board of Commissioners might be in violation by going over more than 30 minutes after the advertised start of a meeting. Chairman Fry said that the meeting was delayed because the business wasn't completed to discuss until the workshop is completed. Commissioner Garner said that that was a matter of opinion; this was completed last week.

Chairman Fry opened the public hearing portion of the meeting. The following citizens spoke:

Don Collins commended the Board on going line item by line item, however the department heads had given their input to the county manager and he suggested going back to the budget recommended by the county manager.

Carol Bass said that the wrong way to do a budget is to look at last year's budget. She said to look at year to date figures to get an accurate picture of what is needed. She also mentioned that Inmate Care will probably go over this year and also next year.

Brad Armisted is on the Recreation Authority and said that they need help from Pike County. Chairman Fry mentioned that there was about \$175,000.00 in Rec. impact fees. Brad said that the Authority had plans for the impact fees. Commissioner Garner said that the Board has been generous to recreation in the past, saying that the county donated the land to the Recreation Authority.

Kevin Teate, Recreation Authority Director said that the suggested budget amount of \$353,000.00 was presented to his board and was rejected. Brad Armisted said that the budget was a wish list but Kevin Teate said that they had lots of 'needs'.

Jennifer Collins said that times are tough and suggested that kids learn to have fun, ride bikes, etc.

Chairman Fry closed the public hearing portion of the meeting at this time.

**CHAIRMAN FRY CALLED FOR NEW BUSINESS**

A. First Reading of the FY 2009 Budget

Chairman Fry opened to the Board the First Reading of the \$9,165,789.00 budget. Commissioner Garner said that the budget should represent a step increase of 2% over last year's wages with no other increases.

**MOTION**

Commissioner Willis made the motion to consider First Reading of the \$9,165,789 Budget for FY 2009. Commissioner Swift seconded the motion for discussion. Commissioners Powers and Garner said that they had worked hours last week to come up with the figure that they had. Motion carried with a 3-2 vote with Chairman Fry, Commissioner Willis and Commissioner Swift in favor and Commissioner Powers and Commissioner Garner opposed

**MOTION**

Commissioner Powers made the motion to adjourn at 7:22 pm. Commissioner Willis seconded the motion. 5-0 vote.

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Chairman Steve Fry

ATTEST:

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Stephen A. Marro  
County Manager